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Re:

Docket #98N-1038

"Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose your proposal to remove product labeling of irradiated foods.

As a consumer, I want to know if my food has been irradiated. I want it clearly labeled "irradiated" and marked with the radura symbol. Alternatives, such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" are misleading^{MA} and should not be used. Such labeling would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and caused changes in sensory and spoilage qualities. I wish to know about such changes to my food.

Labeling of irradiated foods should be very clear and strict. Any other regulation is against the best interest of the consumer.

Sincerely,

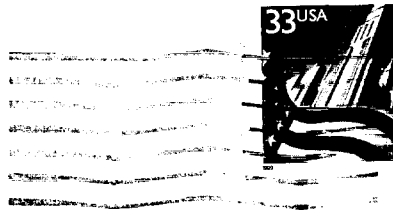
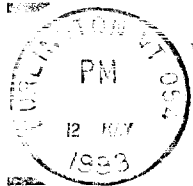


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